

Claims:

1. Hard surface cleaning composition particularly adapted for the cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition comprises:
  - a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2200;
  - an amphoteric hydrotrope;
  - optionally but particularly desirably, one or more further detergents surfactants, preferably one or more anionic surfactants but preferably at least one anionic surfactant is present in conjunction with the nonionic surfactant constituent;
  - optionally one or more conventional additives; and,
  - water.
- 15 2. A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein; the nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block copolymers has a molecular weight of at least about 2500.
- 20 3. A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 1 wherein; the amphoteric hydrotrope is selected from alkylampho(mono)propionates and alkylampho(di)propionates.
4. A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 3 wherein; the amphoteric hydrotrope is an alkylampho(di)propionate.
- 25 5. A hard surface cleaning composition according to any preceding claim wherein the composition is essentially free of organic solvents.
- 30 6. A hard surface cleaning composition according to any preceding claim which further comprises:
  - a further detergents surfactant selected from: anionic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, mixtures of an anionic and a nonionic surfactant.

7. A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 6 whererin;  
the composition comprises a nonionic alcohol ethoxylate surfactant.
- 5 8. A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 6 wherein;  
the composition comprises an anionic sulfonate surfactant.
9. A hard surface cleaning composition according to any preceding claim wherein;  
the composition comprises at least 92%wt. water.
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10. A hard surface cleaning composition according to claim 9 wherein;  
the composition comprises at least 94%wt. water.
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11. A hard surface cleaning composition at a pH of not more than 7 adapted for the  
cleaning treatment of flooring surfaces, which composition comprises (but  
preferably consists of, more preferably consists essentially of):  
0.001 – 5%wt. of a nonionic surfactant based on ethoxy/propoxy block  
copolymers having a molecular weight of at least about 2500;  
0.001 – 2%wt. of an amphoteric hydrotrope;  
0.001 – 3%wt. of at least one anionic surfactant, preferably of the sulfonate type  
in conjunction with at least one nonionic surfactant constituent, preferably an  
alcohol alkoxylate;  
optionally but desirably a preservative constituent;  
optionally but desirably a defoaming constituent;  
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optionally but desirably a pH adjusting agent;  
optionally one or more conventional additives; and,  
at least 92%wt, preferably at least 94%wt. water,  
characterized in that the compositions exclude traditional organic solvents.
- 30 12. A hard surface cleaning composition substantially described with reference to the  
Examples.

13. A process for the cleaning of a hard surface, preferably flooring surfaces such as finished wood flooring, finished wood veneer flooring and finished non-wood flooring surfaces which are intended to provide the appearance of wood flooring surfaces, which process includes the step of providing a cleaning effective amount of the hard surface cleaning composition according to any preceding claim to the hard surface.
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